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RAGING TORNADOBRITAIN TO
EXPORT
MORE
WHISKEYLondon, Apr. 10.
British imbibers of Scotch whiskey face a drastic cut in their supplies this year as the result of a Government decision to export 75 per cent of the total whiskey output, according to a statement by the Scotch Whiskey Association today.

Most of the whiskey would go to countries in the Western Hemisphere, chiefly the United States, a spokesman said.

Last year about 13,000,000 gallons were produced—compared with about 29,000,000 gallons in 1939. Britons would get about 25 per cent of the total output, and while this would be slightly higher than last year as a result of the increased grain allotments, the whiskey available for home consumption would be much less than before.

By careful management of their depleted stocks—comparatively little whiskey was made during the war years—of matured Scotch, the distillers have contrived to keep the home and export markets on a nearly equal footing.

But this is no longer acceptable to the Government. The Scotch Whiskey Association agreed to the reduction in home supplies as a condition of obtaining grain allocations.

The new exporting proportion will come into effect on May 1 next.—Reuter.

MADAGASCANS
ATTACK TOWNAntananarivo, Apr. 10.
The French defences at Fafafangana, a coastal town 270 miles south of the capital of Antananarivo, and at Tamatave, 150 miles north-east of the capital, beat off attacks by Madagascans today with considerable losses to the attackers, a semi-official French report said.

At Matangana, 25 miles north of the capital, calm has been restored after fighting earlier this week.

French national police investigating the uprisings said that they had discovered documents which incriminated a number of Madagascans civil servants. The civil servants had been arrested and had confessed, it was stated.

A demand for a full dress discussion of the Madagascan revolt when the French National Assembly convenes on April 20 was filed today with the permanent bureau of the French National Assembly by M. Castellan, a deputy from Madagascar.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Another Curate's Egg

THE Ordinance amending the law relating to rent restrictions is a curate's egg which the majority of people will find decidedly unpalatable. An effort does appear to have been made to strike a balance between tenants and landlords in the way of benefits and protection of interests, but the impression left is that property owners are going to be the principal gainers. Tenants cannot escape the sour fact that very soon they are going to be called upon to pay a 30 per cent. increase over the standard rent, set by the Ordinance as at December 25, 1941. Nor can any argument or pleading abolish an obvious effect—a reduction in living standards. A substantial section of public will also take issue over Government's decision to fix standard rent as at December 25, 1941, insofar that numbers of landlords during that year raised rents above the original standard rate by as much as 30 per cent. This means that when the new Ordinance becomes effective, many tenants will be able to point to meeting an overall 60-70 per cent. increase. The authorities, apparently, are quite content to give support to this situation, inasmuch that provision is made for a Tenancy Tribunal to sanction rent increases up to the recognised standard rate if landlords had not raised them prior to December 25.

GENEROUS
DONATIONLisbon, Apr. 10.
The Governor of Mozambique, Portuguese East Africa, has presented one thousand sterling from the official funds to the Mayor of Johannesburg's relief fund for Britain's flood victims, it was reported today.

Large numbers of private contributors are also reported to have been made recently by Portuguese residents in Mozambique.—Reuter.

Frightful Destruction

The raging tornado which swept a one hundred mile path through this rich cattle and wheat country is now estimated to have killed 152 persons, injured over one thousand and caused millions of dollars worth of damage. Rescue workers are probing the debris for bodies, and officials tonight said that the toll might be higher than estimated.

One-third of the town of Woodward (3,000 population) was flattened and here the heaviest casualties were reported—one hundred estimated dead.

The power and light in the town failed and emergency generators were used at the hospital and the dressing stations. Streets are blocked by debris, and motor-cars were rolled into knots as if they were pieces of tinfoil twisted between glinting fingers.

Survivors are wandering in the streets in a daze, still unable to realize what has happened.

Later reports place the Woodward death toll at 140 killed and more than 800 injured, according to the police officials.

Houses were piled up like matchsticks and a large part of the business area was destroyed. The Sheriff has posted guards to prevent looting, while doctors and nurses worked by candlelight at many points.

Fires blazed in the wreckage of the smashed buildings, but these were quickly put out by the torrential rain which followed the wind.

The village of Higgins, in the Texas "Panhandle" part of the 80-mile-wide belt of devastation, was levelled, except for three brick buildings. Bulldozers were used to clear the streets.

It is known the twenty people were killed, in Higgins and another twenty at Gainer (Texas). Hospitals throughout the area were overcrowded long before all the injured were rescued from the ruins.

American Red Cross personnel, disaster crews, and medical aid have been rushed to the stricken region, and the police have hastily formed "Vigilantes" to guard against looting and disorders.—Reuter.

CALIFORNIA
EARTHQUAKELos Angeles, Apr. 10.
A sharp earthquake rocked Los Angeles at 3:59 (GMT) this afternoon.

Tremors were also felt at San Diego and nearby communities but no reports of damage have yet been received.

In Long Beach buildings swayed perceptibly and the earthquake duration was estimated at forty to fifty seconds.

The California Institute of Technology's seismological laboratory at Pasadena said that its only available instrument was thrown off its track by the force of the tremor.

The tremor rocked most of southern California but there were no immediate reports of loss of life or serious damage.

Seismologists' length indicated that it was deep-seated and probably severe in some locality.

Centres to the north and east of California reported only a slight tremor, the shock was almost unnoticed in Owens Valley.

Although sharp in some sectors, the quake caused no serious damage in thickly populated areas and there were no injuries.

A shattered bank window in Glendale was apparently the most severe loss.—Reuter.

Ambitious Air
ProgrammeLondon, Apr. 10.
Lord Nathan, Minister of Civil Aviation, tonight outlined an ambitious programme for the nation's air services.

"We aim to fly and land in the thickest of weather," he said. "We aim to fly near the speed of sound. We aim to fly eight miles high—and more." Not just transitory flights in pursuit of records but on regular services.

"Above all, we aim to make our civil aviation a safe and regular means of transport. We must make it a truly commercial business, run on business lines."

Lord Nathan, addressing the annual dinner of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators, said that civil aviation would never be a real success until the word "adventure" was taken out of it.

It must become commonplace to succeed. "Just as soon as it becomes an accepted everyday means of transport it will flourish and expand in the way we all seek so earnestly."

He compared the air with the sea, saying that "as on the sea before it, British progress in the air must be forged into a national cult. Our children will look on it and say, 'this is our heritage'."—Reuter.

All available relief agencies hurried to the work of aiding the living and to the tragic task of digging out the dead. The State patrols of Oklahoma and Texas poured all available manpower into the shattered district. Fourth Army Headquarters at San Antonio rushed in blood plasma, doctors, nurses and medical supplies.

Scenes at the local hospital, and at the emergency hospitals set up to care for Woodward's 500 injured until they could be moved to other cities, were pitiful. Dazed citizens moved through the buildings searching for missing members of their families. Injured children sobbed for their parents. Many injured were screaming and hysterical and kept repeating queries about the welfare of relatives, not thinking of themselves as doctors and nurses moved quickly from cot to cot.—United Press.

TRAGIC TASK

Two French soldiers, who were caught by the Indonesian troops inside the barracks and severely beaten, were killed when they leaped from windows to escape.

The Indo-Chinese surrendered only after the police fired dozens of teargas shells into the caserne in which they were barricaded.

The police had surrounded the building with nets, but the two

ANOTHER SHOCKING COAL
MINE DISASTERExeter, Pennsylvania, April 10.
Nine people were reported killed today and nine injured by an explosion caused by gas in an anthracite coal mine here—the second United States mine disaster in 16 days.

Earlier reports said that there were only 17 men in the shaft when the explosion occurred and the official casualty report was awaited.

The explosion occurred as about 300,000 United States soft coal miners were absent from their pits, as a result of the "safe mine campaign" now being waged by John Lewis, United Mine Workers President, following the mine disaster at Centralia, Illinois, on March 25, when 11 miners were killed.

Lewis, who declared that the Centralia miners were "murdered by the negligence of Mr Julius Krug, United States Secretary of the Interior," called out his 400,000 miner followers on April 1 on a six-day stoppage in memory of those men.

He later told them to resume work in any mine certified as safe by the Government and yesterday it was estimated that about 107,000 had gone back.—Reuter.

U.S. And Britain Back French
Claim To Control Saar

Moscow, Apr. 11.

The United States and Britain agreed to the French demands today that the 738 square miles Saar and its 863,000 predominantly German population should be slashed from Germany and administered solely by France.

United States Secretary of State George C. Marshall proposed that the first steps toward that goal be taken by the Council of Foreign Ministers.

Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov promised a statement on Friday.

Both Marshall and British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin opposed French demands that the industrial Ruhr be detached from Germany.

They also opposed the creation of a special regime for the Ruhr, or international ownership or management of that storehouse of German industrial resources.

The French demands were presented by French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault.

He also asked that the Rhineland be granted an independent status. Bidault rejected this.

Bidault asked that the ownership of the coal mines and foundries of the Ruhr be transferred "to those nations who fought against Germany."

He asked for the creation of a special regime "under the safe guards" of the United Nations Security Council.

He urged that "inadequate military forces" be stationed permanently in the Rhineland to guard against future German aggression.

Molotov did not speak on these issues.—Associated Press.

BIG BERLIN
ROUND-UP

24-Hour Man-Hunt

Berlin, Apr. 10.
Upwards of 1,500 persons were seized by flying squadrons of the Four Power security forces and 5,000 German police

today and last night; in a manhunt which reached into almost every nook and cavern of this city of ruins.

The exact figures on those arrested were withheld by the occupation powers, pending final results in the 24-hour operation which finishes at 9 o'clock Berlin time to-night.

At least 5,000 persons are homeless. Here in Woodward, there were at least 3,500 without living quarters. More than 350 homes and business buildings were destroyed in five minutes of tornado wind.

The tornado boiled up shortly after dark at White Deer, Texas. There it derailed a freight train. It cut across the edge of Canadian, and bounded to land on Glazier, eight miles away. Again it lifted, only to smash squarely on Higgins, Texas.

From there, it swung with unerring accuracy at Woodward, and today rescuers and a number of citizens counted 100 square blocks of the city as its cost here.

It was last reported to have missed by 300 feet the little Kansas hamlet of Harveyville, 25 miles from Topeka.

American officials said more than 600 were arrested in the United States sector. British officials said they had passed the 600 mark.

French and Russian statistics were not available, although both reported the operation had been highly successful.

The greatest number of arrests was expected in the Soviet sector, where crime, including murder and rape, has been abnormally high.

No incidents were reported. The police swarmed over their targets with surprising suddenness, to catch Berlin unaware.

Mr. Bidault made a general statement on the British attitude to these and other frontier problems and Mr. Molotov asked for time to consider today's statements and will speak tomorrow when discussion is continued.

Mr. Bidault stated that France would "readily agree to relations of special character being established between the Rhineland countries and Germany."

Summarising France's position on the Ruhr, Mr. Bidault reminded the Council that the fundamental aim of the French plan was the control of mining production and industries.

Officers said the men arrested were released when they established proper identification. Among those in custody were gangsters, war criminals, murderers, robbers, Army deserters, black marketeers and "questionable foreigners."—United Press.

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ALHAMBRA & CENTRAL

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He forecasts a General Election this year. by

W. J. BROWN, M.P.

MR MAURICE PRIVAT, who is the unofficial astrologer to Ministers in the French Government, has deduced from the stars two forecasts for 1947. The first is that Stalin will order for a period of five years, and Russia become democratic. The second is that they will voluntarily dissolve in order to extend their General Election and a change of Government.

As regards the first, I say nothing. The second shall be my theme for to-day.

THREE WAYS

A GENERAL Election normally comes in Britain only for one of three reasons.

One is the running out of the time-limit of a Parliament, which is five years. Another is the loss, by a Government, of its majority in the House of Commons. The third is when a Government, confronted with the necessity for action for which it has no mandate, deliberately dissolves Parliament with a view to getting a wider mandate.

Now this Parliament has lived for less than two years. It has over three to run before it exhausts its time-limit. The Government have not lost their majority in the House. They have a majority of 150 over all other possible combinations.

And so far they have not lost a single seat at a by-election. Nor, since the Government have taken to themselves power to use wartime emergency orders for a period of five years, does there seem any prospect that they will voluntarily dissolve in order to extend their General Election and a change of Government.

On the face of it, therefore, Mr Privat is plain sailing through his hat in forecasting a General Election in Britain. The obvious facts are all against him.

But if there is one lesson more than another which life has taught me, it is that there is nothing in the world so misleading as the facts. That is one of the reasons why intuition—the "hunch"—is so often a more reliable guide than logic.

Again and again in my life the facts of a situation have plainly ordained that a certain course should be taken. Again and again the heart has said "No." I have for the most part obeyed the heart rather than the facts.

And the event has justified the decision and made nonsense of the apparent facts.

The basic explanation of this is that life is not static, but dynamic. The facts upon which one is invited to base a decision today, will not be the facts when, six months hence,

the time comes to operate the necessary. And slowly but surely we shall come through our crisis.

It would perhaps be an overstatement to say that decisions should be based on anything but the facts. But the little devils should be kept firmly in their proper position, which is a subordinate one.

CRISIS ISSUE

ON today's facts there cannot be a General Election this year. On the facts as they may be six or nine months hence there may be a General Election this year. And it might easily result in a change of Government.

Both issues depend on how the great crisis in production, which we have been discussing in the House, is handled, and how quickly it is handled.

If it is handled well and quickly—then no General Election this year. If badly and slowly, then General Election is perfectly possible.

If the Government decide on the appropriate action, if they are boldly supported by the TUC, if the TUC is backed up by the individual unions, and if the masses respond to the call made upon them, then we shall get the increased production necessary.

In such circumstances the gulf between the political set-up and reality would become too great to continue. Within the Labour Party in Parliament the gap would grow between those who were prepared to take the necessary steps and those who were not.

For in a real crisis—and make no mistake about it, this is a real crisis, a crisis of the first dimension—even party men have a habit of remembering that they are Britons first.

A COALITION?

WHAT then would happen? A Coalition? I think not—not at least without an election first.

For the Tories remember what happened to the last Coalition, and it is very doubtful whether they would accept the voting strength of the parties as at July 1945, as representing the opinion of the country in, say, September 1947.

So my counsel to politicians of all parties and of none is that they "should sleep in their armour."

If I see our Government facing up to the situation as firmly as the French and the Russians are doing, I may relax a little.

If not, I have the feeling that Mr Maurice Privat—upon whom I now confer immortality—may prove to be right.

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Stores are being loaded, and the special galvanised ropes which will tie the passengers to the floor of the machine, until they are beyond the pull of gravity, are being coated with myroso to make them retrogressive to air-pressure.

Scene in the House

WHEN Mr Zaizer asked the Minister of Bubbleblowing whether he could say why the tax-payer's money should be used to pay for Miss Sloper's trip to the Moon, the reply was, "The Society of Cultural Relations with the Moon is paying for the trip." Mrs Vobie: Do not their funds come from the Government? And therefore out of taxes? The Minister: I am glad of this opportunity to explain why. Mr Teller: Why what? Mr Fluff: Which question is the Minister answering? The Minister: Neither. I am endeavouring—terrible of "what about the Grant?"—to state why this is so. I am surprised that this young lady should be attacked in this manner. What we have to do is to find a way of—or rather to state what the position is with regard to these things being done. This cannot be done until the recommendations of the Committee are published in a Yellow Paper. (Cries of chagrin and rage).

Curiously enough

A STORY about a librarian who found a piece of bacon rind inserted in a book as a marker recalled to me the well-known anecdote about the absent-minded Rossetti breaking one day with Carlyle. Rossetti was in one of his absent-minded moods, and was reading a book. Every time Carlyle interrupted him, he used to rise from his chair to mark his place. Finally Carlyle said, "Take care! You're eating that egg you absent-minded fellow!" Rossetti at once laid down his fork and placed the remains of the egg between pages 224 and 225. Carlyle had to get more breakfast cooked.

NEWSREEL BY GRAHAM



Want the head up?



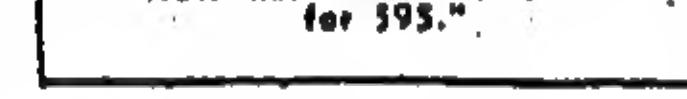
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BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

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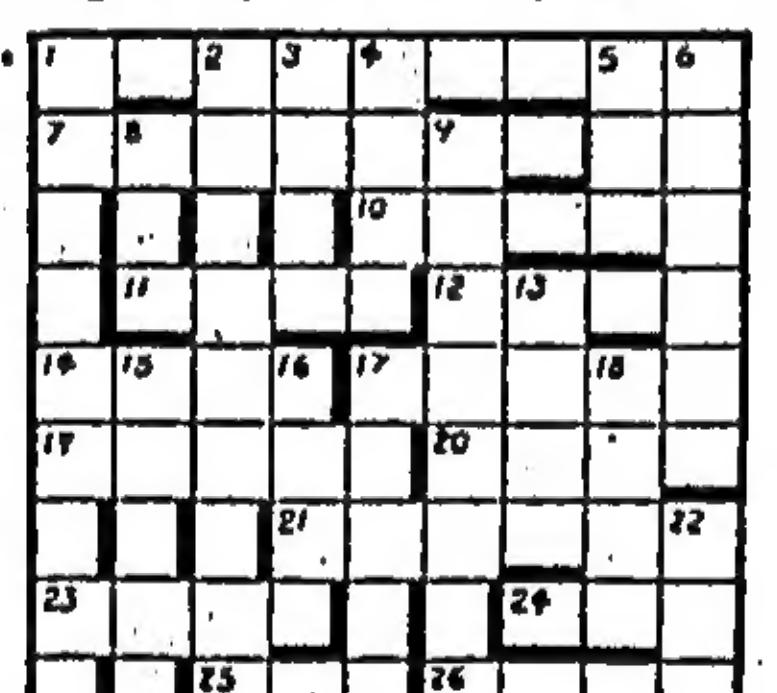
Prodnoe: How could wind and weather affect such a mighty machine?

Myself: Mighty, I grant, but extraordinarily delicate put together.

"On Saturday," writes my correspondent, "a new era of world history will open, as the rocket Utopia soars far faster than sound, out into the dim untridden wastes of the upper stratosphere, out into that mysterious hinterland of lunar space which no eye has beheld."

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CROSSWORD



NOTHING like as much emphasis is laid on games as in an English school, though one large room in the parquet-floored, panelled house is set aside as a gymnasium and there are regular 45-minute periods for PT for all. There is a volleyball court in the garden and the game is played when the weather allows. At the moment the garden is out of bounds for games because of mud.

School holidays are 10 days at the New Year and two months in the summer. During the summer vacation the school takes a large house in the country and moves there en bloc. Parents can visit their children during the week-ends.

The rooms in the school that I saw were not very different from what you might expect to find in any private school. There were a good many plaques in bas relief and photographs of Russian leaders on the walls, and an oil-painting of Stalin in soldier's uniform hangs above a Russian flag in the entrance hall.

There are no lessons in citizenship as such, but throughout the curriculum emphasis is placed on what to bring up the children to be good Soviet citizens. Classes seven, in addition, have lessons on the Russian Constitution.

There are no boarders at the school, all the children returning to their homes at night, the older of whom work at home.

WHAT about punishment? I asked Miss E. Moore, one of the school's two English mistresses (the staff numbers ten, men and women, under a woman director, Miss N. A. G. Gannuzza, a friendly, middle-aged Russian).

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Lipsticks and lipstick brushes can be cleaned after each application. The cleaner the beauty aids, the better the beauty job. Eyebrow brushes, powder brushes, combs—

Minute Makeups
by GABRIELLE



To have that dewy young look over the eyes, use colorless eye cream on your lids. Groom your eyebrows by brushing carefully. When you are shaping your eyebrows remove stray hairs by gentle tweezing never yank! Never use rouge on the eyelids. Soft shades of eye shadow give a pretty effect.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Our son bought a new car so he could drive his wife and kids out west to see us, but he paid so much for the car that they can't afford the trip!"

GIs Do Not Favour German Redheads

BY WELLINGTON LONG

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

American soldiers marrying German brunettes prefer blondes and brunettes over redheads 105 to one, according to statistics compiled by Greater Hessia military government officials.

SCOTTISH NEWSLETTER

By Garry Liuizie

A couple of hundred years ago the English were swarming over the fair face of our country and that brave Helen man, Prince Charles Edward Stuart, was pushing the boat out for France and a forgotten future. Now the English are back with us and the inspiration, once more, is Bonnie Prince Charlie. Only it is not "Charlie" they are after this time but a girl who could be a modern counterpart of his mentor, Flora Macdonald.

That dark-eyed black-haired beauty, who helped the Young Pretender to escape, plays a big part in the celluloid czars of Shepherd's Bush are linking in the spring about the whole thing. Shepherd's Bush has come to Scotland in the shape of lynx-eyed talent scouts. The film people will have representatives at the amateur drama festival finals in Inverness and they will watch the young professionals at Scots music halls and theatres as well.

The Prince Charlie film will star Scotch born David Niven, who arrives from Hollywood shortly to do the interiors. The exteriors, or many of them, were filmed in the Highlands last summer. You may, or may not, remember that there was no little fuss, at the time, because large batches of boys' battle-dress were used in the crowd scenes. They were fortunate enough to be stationed in the area but a lot of people thought it was hardly the type of work for men still wearing the King's uniform in a time of emergency!

David Niven

The arrival of David Niven shortly has brought up the question of an actress for the Flora Macdonald part, and while the English talent scouts may be successful in their comb-out they have, in this writer's opinion, ready-made Flora in the young Glasgow tylist, Eileen Herlie, who, the critics say, is the greatest actress on the stage since Sarah Bernhardt. Whatever her abilities, Miss Herlie has made a poor play called "The Eagle Has Two Heads" into an outstanding success. It is back in London after a provincial tour. Miss Herlie, in the words of the Kansas City folks, would be a wow!

Incidentally, Robert Stevenson, a distant relative of RLS, will come from Hollywood to direct the Prince Charlie film.

The Scottish influence in films is very strong in Shepherd's Bush and environs. One of the best directors there is David MacDonald, an Ayrshire man. MacDonald directed the "Seventh Veil" and a lot of recent successes, and his latest opus, called "The Brothers," will have its premiere in Edinburgh during the big festival in the late summer. "The Brothers" has a Scottish background and includes Will Fyffe and several young Scottish actors. Several have very bright futures in the cinema business. Patricia Roc, with synthetic accent, has the leading feminine role.

Gaelic Choir

The incidental music, as usual, is done by Muir Matheson, who comes from Stirling. He is just about the biggest musical director in the British film industry these days. Matheson first started out in his profession conducting a boys' orchestra in Stirling over 25 years ago.

The Greenock Gaelic Choir, conducted by Mr. Donald MacAllister, singing in the film and some of the songs by the choir were specially written by Mr. Cedric Torpe Davis, Master of Music at St. Andrews' University. "The Brothers" is a costume piece. It looks like another winner for MacDonald.

In Brief

Lt-Col T. P. E. Murray, one-time 51 Div. Signals Commander, will command the new Signals Regiment to be formed in Aberdeen as part of the post-war Territorial Army. Some Scottish theatres open their doors only 15 minutes before a show to save light... Mr. J. McKinnon has been appointed postmaster at Chirp-sid... a prize cadet of the RAF Regiment detachment at Catterick Camp was Officer Cadet G. Henderson. Stirling... new Town Clerk of Lerwick is Mr. John S. Campbell, Inverkeithing... Midshield Farm, Hawick, has been sold to a Dumfries farmer for £6,000... the Imperial Tobacco Company will open a cigarette factory in Glasgow employing 1,500 and a players' factory at Larkhall employing 600... New Locarno Ballroom, Edinburgh, was sold for £16,000... a man who threw a snowball at two women in Glasgow was fined three guineas for a breach of the peace... Princess Elizabeth will get a length of hand woven tweed from the people of the Shetlands as a 21st birthday gift... Field Marshal Montgomery will visit Stirling Castle in April... a record number of patients—2,121—were treated at Arbroath Infirmary during the year... Mr. James Garrow, 72S. Loanhead, has been appointed to judge the Royal Society San Hubert Championship Dog Show in Brussels in June... Crail naval air station is to be used as a training establishment for boys... the Earl of Rosebery cut the first sod at St. Molloys, Stirling, on the

Further, the only German girl out of 105 whose application was disapproved by the military government was the only carrot top who had applied.

Military government officials who process the applications for marriage offered no explanation for the seeming lack of popularity of redheads. They said the rest of the field was split 50-50 between blondes and brunettes.

The survey was based on 105 applications submitted in the first three weeks of February.

Officials emphasised that all German girls with the ambitions to marry American soldiers should take mama's advice and not play around with other boys until the marriage knot is tied.

Girls Must Behave

"Moral turpitude"—which includes prostitution, professional or amateur—is enough to get a big "disapproved" stamped all over the girl's marriage application.

Even a few unwise beers down at the corner bistro may prove a stumbling block, officials warned, since drinking in excess is cause for disapproval.

Military government officials, however, were optimistic about matings between German girls and occupation soldiers. They said all the girls who are personally interviewed by them speak English, and are of an average age of 20 years and pretty.

"We are not sponsoring any marriages with street-walking prostitutes here," one officer said.

Americans seeking to marry these girls are about 25 years of age. Most of them have between two and five years overseas with the majority having taken civilian jobs in Germany after their discharge, to remain by their fiancees until the marriage ban was lifted three months ago.

Former commissioned officers have proved as susceptible to the wiles of frauds as enlisted men, one officer said.

SHE WAS LOST—FOR 20 YEARS

The will of a woman who vanished for 20 years was published recently.

When she made it in 1893 the "Veiled Lady in Black," Miss Florence Ethel Appleyard, had £72,000.

She cut out relatives, because she thought they were after her money, and made large bequests to charity.

But when she died at Bognor Regis, Sussex, in 1944, she left only £1,244.

"Murdered"

In 1917 Miss Appleyard vanished from one of her three houses in Bath, Somerset.

Foul play was suspected. People chalked "Murdered" on the pavement outside.

There were rumours that she had been seen, but not till 1937 did relatives know she was still alive.

She had hidden herself in a private nursing home.

She wore Victorian clothes with a man's hat, brown-paper boots, and often slept on a bed of newspapers.

Only surviving executor of her will is 87-year-old Capt. Frederick Olinthus Sutton, one of the brethren of St. Cross Hospital, near Winchester.

site of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders War Memorial Cottages.

Sport

Walter Donaldson, Coatbridge, will oppose Fred Davis for the world's professional snooker championship in London next September... Alex Venters, formerly Cowdenbeath, Ringers and Third Lanark forward, scored the winning goal against Bolton Wanderers, when he made his first appearance for Blackburn Rovers... Provost Fisher, Hawick, sent D. Valentine a telegram of good wishes from the town people when he made his first appearance in a Rugby International at Twickenham... East Lothian secondary schools are to be encouraged to take up soccer as well as Rugby... The SEA play Belgium in Brussels on May 13; Luxembourg on May 24 and Holland on May 25... the Scottish Rugby team which lost 24-5 to England at Twickenham last year... The SEA play Belgium in Brussels on May 13; Luxembourg on May 24 and Holland on May 25... the Scottish Rugby team which lost 24-5 to England at Twickenham last year... Mr. J. Geddes (London School), T.G.H. Jackson (London School and Army), C. W. Drummond (Mersey), W. H. Munro (Glasgow HS FE), and D. D. Mackenzie (Edinburgh University); C. R. Bruce (Glasgow Academics) and E. Anderson (Stewart's College FP); H. H. Campbell (Cambridge U); A. T. Fisher (Waterloo and Watsonians); T. P. L. McGlashan (Royal High School FP); F. H. Cuthie (Army); D. T. McLennan (Royal High School FP); D. Valentine (Hawick); I. C. Henderson (Edinburgh Academics) and W. I. D. Elliot (Edinburgh Academics);... Queen will give a civic reception to the finalists in the Shinty Cup... the Scotland-England women's hockey international has been postponed until April 20 in Glasgow... Jackie Paterson will fight Corrado Conti, official challenger for the Italian bantamweight championships in Glasgow on April 10.

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Countess Loses Jewels

London, Apr. 10. A mink coat and £1,500 worth of jewels were stolen last night from the home of Barbara, Countess of Moray, the police reported to-day.

The peeress is the widow of the 18th Earl of Moray and daughter of J. Archibald Murray of New York.—Associated Press.

Krakatoa Eruption Threatens

Batavia, Apr. 10. Krakatoa volcano which exploded in 1883 with the force of a thousand atom bombs and killed 30,000 people, is again threatening to erupt.

The American archaeologist and writer, Lawrence Griswold, who recently led an exploration party up the volcano, said today that its cone had built up 85 feet since 1940 and that it was belching gas and rock into the air every 45 seconds.

"One rock, which must have weighed over a ton, was thrown 60 feet into the air," Mr. Griswold said.

Two submarine explosions were also heard near the base of Krakatoa, which lies in the Sunda Straits between Java and Sumatra.

The large island on which Krakatoa sat disappeared in the eruption of 1883, which formed a cloud of cosmic dust, darkening the sun for more than a month and sent a tidal wave three times round the world.—United Press.

RAMADIER NOT UPSET

Paris, Apr. 10. The French Government does not consider that General Charles de Gaulle's speech at Strasbourg on Monday contained anything "of a nature which would upset the political life of France," the French Premier, M. Paul Ramadier, told his weekly press conference here today.

"The actual opinions expressed by General de Gaulle are not new and do not create any new situation warranting Government deliberation," he added.

"We do not have to go into conference every time a political figure makes a speech," he told a questioner who asked if the French Cabinet planned to discuss the General's speech.—Reuter.

Jewish Traffic

Paris, Apr. 10. M. Paul Ramadier, Prime Minister, said here today that the British Government had "never sent" as strong an official note to France asking her to take steps to prevent the clandestine embarkation of Jewish refugees from France to Palestine.

He added that reports of British requests to the French Government in this matter had been "greatly exaggerated" and tended to mislead public opinion as to the actual number of refugees who did embark clandestinely from France.

The British Government, through its Embassy here, has merely made a verbal request that we do everything possible to prevent Jewish refugees from obtaining forged passports and illegal passage from France," he added.

"The request referred to possibilities rather than to actual events.—Reuter.

Trieste Bomb Warning

Trieste, Apr. 10. A male voice telephoned a warning to 88th Division officers at the rest centre in the Grand Hotel today that three bombs would explode in seven minutes in reprisal for the death sentence passed on Maria Pasquelli.

The officers evacuated the hotel in a hurry, but the bombs failed to go off and a search revealed none.

Among guests in the hotel was Colonel John W. Chapman, president of the Allied military court which sentenced Pasquelli for the murder of British Brigadier Robin de Winton. Other guests were members of the Italian section of the Italo-Yugoslav boundary commission.—United Press.

New UNRRA Chief For China

Rome, Apr. 10. Harlan Cleveland, deputy chief of the UNRRA Italian mission, has been named chief of the UNRRA mission in China subject to approval by the Chinese Government, it was announced today.

Cleveland will succeed Maj. Gen. G. E. Egerton, who is at present the UNRRA director in China.—United Press.

Soviet Proposes United Nations' Supervision Of U.S. Aid To Greece

New York, Apr. 10.

Terming the Greek Government "irresponsible, corrupt, inefficient and an unpopular regime," Poland's Dr Oscar Lange opened the debate today on the Greek question in the Security Council by supporting the Soviet proposal for a supervisory commission on aid to Greece and opposing any American aid to Turkey.

Dr Lange declared: "We are told that the Greek state is threatened with political disintegration. Why should this be so after two years of British military and economic aid? Surely, it shows that there is something fundamentally wrong in Greece. Greece is torn by civil strife, but unity will not be fostered by supporting an irresponsible, corrupt, inefficient and unpopular regime."

He said that there was the accusation that Greek independence was threatened. "Is it threatened by patriotic guerrilla forces?"

200 PLANES AID GREEK OFFENSIVE

Athens, Apr. 10.

Greek commandos and infantry landed from the sea early today at Cape Platamon, south-east of Mount Olympus, in the opening of an operation intended to encircle and wipe out big guerrilla forces on the mounts of Olympus and Ossa.

Earlier, press reports said that 600 paratroopers had been dropped in the Larissa area.

Seaborne forces drove up the Pinios River valley between the two heights, with a view to fanning and encircling the heavy concentrations of guerrillas who are reported hiding there.

The Minister of Public Order, Napoleon Zervos, in a statement said: "Operations are proceeding satisfactorily in all areas."

The Air Minister, Panayotis Kanellopoulos, said 200 Greek air force fighters, fighter-bombers and Boston light bombers had been thrown into the spring "clean-up" offensive against the Leftists, and were operating continuously in perfect flying weather. He added that the results were "excellent."—United Press.

AUSTRALIA'S RATIONING**No Readjustment Contemplated**

Sydney, Apr. 10.

The scale of food rationing in Australia is unlikely to be readjusted as part of a plan to assist Britain's food situation, Mr. J. B. Chifley, the Australian Prime Minister, indicated to-night.

Mr. Chifley said that the best way for Australians to assist Britain was to economise in the use of coupons. Food they denied themselves could be sent to Britain.

He said that the government was doing all it could, "having regard for what we are doing for our own people."

He added: "we have never had any complaint from any official of United Kingdom source that we are not doing all within our power."—Associated Press.

Tito Will Now Talk Terms**RUSSIA WANTS BOYCOTT OF FRANCO MUSCLE MEN**

Prague, Apr. 10. A Soviet Russian demand that France, Spain be expelled from the International Amateur Wrestling Federation moved the European wrestling championships, which will begin in Prague on Friday night, off the canvas and into the political arena.

Delegates from Russia, whose admission into the IAWF will be voted on at a meeting on Friday morning, told Federation officials they will insist on the expulsion of Spain as a condition to joining.

Spain, which sent neither wrestlers nor delegates to the tournament, is a IAWF member in good standing.

A Russian squad of 10 wrestlers, reserves and officials—the biggest of the tournament—arrived in Prague on Tuesday with two more Soviet officials expected later. Nevertheless, were barred from interviewing the wrestlers, and it was learned that Soviet officials refused to announce the line-up even to tournament officials.

Three Conditions

Although the full congress of the IAWF will not be held until 1948 in London, when the new directors are chosen and rule changes discussed, the IAWF delegates in Prague are empowered to vote on Russian admission.

Russia, however, indicated she will ask for entrance with the following proviso: (1) that Russia be made one of the Federation's official members.

RECORD WHEAT CROP LIKELY

Washington, Apr. 11.

The Agriculture Department has forecast a record United States winter wheat crop of 973,047,000 bushels. The previous record was 873,893,000 harvested last year.

No production estimates were given for spring wheat or grain.—Associated Press.

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Has it ever struck you, Bracebridge, that huntin' might be said to be a 'closed shop'?"

Student Minority Favours Allied Discussion on China

Peiping, Apr. 10. Peiping's minority student element, claiming to represent the liberal viewpoint, has issued a statement favouring Soviet-American discussion of China as a step towards ending civil strife.

The statement also protested against the beating of Tsinghua University students and all the other "insolent and violent actions taken against us by special service men."

Two Tsinghua students, it was alleged, had been beaten up after their university bus was stopped at the Summer Palace.

The statement was published in the Tsinghua Weekly by certain student groups of Tsinghua, Yenching and Peita Universities. Observers estimate that the students involved total about 10 percent of the city's students. Their opposite numbers are the students belonging to the Kuomintang-backed San Min Chu Yi Youth Corps. Between them is the great body of students inclined to follow official leadership in matters of domestic policies.

The statement hit out at the current "Love Thy Country and Protect National Rights Movement." It said such slogans as "Oppose International Intervention" cloaked a reactionary desire to prolong civil strife.

He said the Austrian state police sent trained agents to Germany to gather information on Hitler's plans for Austria and the Western powers.

One agent, he said, was caught by the Gestapo.

Skubl, testifying at the treason trial of former Foreign Minister Guido Schmidt, claimed the plan was favoured by Himmler and Klemmbrunner, but Goering finally cancelled it.

He said the Austrian state police

interference, it said, "but not against well-meant just criticism proposed by any nation or nations. We consider joint American-Soviet

Government-Communist co-operation, domestically, to be compatible with our national well-being and conducive to world peace."

Dizzy Path

Only through such co-operation, the students said, can China be saved from the downfall towards which she is rushing along a dizzy path of "fratricidal war, corruption, graft, economic collapse and soaring prices."

The "Protect National Rights" movement, the students argued, opposes such co-operation and, therefore, impedes the birth of an independent, democratic, free new China.

"For the purpose of forcing the people to participate in parades they (the authors of the movement) controlled the press and popular views. For the purpose of excusing their political opponents they fabricated belligerent slogans," the statement declared.

These students claim that their programme is the truly patriotic one, but "if patriotism means continued bleeding of the people through civil war, then we would rather dispense with patriotism altogether."—United Press.

German POWS At Church

London, Apr. 10.

A number of German officers of the Wehrmacht, Luftwaffe and Kriegsmarine, their uniforms somewhat threadbare after many months in prison camps, walked sedately today to St. Mary's Church at Nolton Bridgend for services.

As they filed into the church the organ was being played by the rector, the Rev. G. T. Gravell.

The rector revealed later that the Bishop of Llandaff had given permission for the prisoner officers to attend services at the church on special occasions.

The first such occasion was last Christmas, when 100 German officers

were invited to the church without previous public announcement. Among the worshippers then were Field Marshals Gerd von Rundstedt and Walther von Brauchitsch as well as Admiral Voss, of the Germany Navy.—Associated Press.

OUTWARD MAIIS

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Friday, April 11. Straits, Ceylon, India, East & South Africa, Egypt, Europe, United Kingdom, via Southampton (Sea) 3 p.m. USA, Central & South America, Canada (via San Francisco) 3 p.m. Parcels for Canada 3 p.m. Australia, New Zealand (via Sydney) (Sea) 4 p.m. Kiongkong (Sea) 4 p.m. Macao, Tainan, Tamsui (Sea) 4 p.m. Canton (Air) 4 p.m. Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Cairo, Johannesburg, August, Marseilles, London, New York, Canada (Air) 3 p.m. Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsinfa, Peiping (Air) 3 p.m. Chungking, Canton, Hsinchou, Kunming (Air) 3 p.m. Saturday, April 12. Swatow (Sea) 10 a.m. Straits, Rangoon, Calcutta (Sea) 10 a.m. Salgon (Sea) 10 a.m. Manila (Sea) noon. Amoy (Sea) 3 p.m. Shanghai, Honolulu (Sea) 3 p.m. USA, Central and South America & Canada (via San Francisco) (No Parcels for Canada) 3 p.m. Straits, Ceylon, India, East & South Africa, Egypt, Europe via London (Air) 3 p.m. Bangkok, Singapore, Colombo, Sourabaya, Sydney, Auckland (Air) 3:30 p.m. Canton, Kweilin, Chungking (Air) 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 13. Canton (Sea) 8:15 a.m. Tainan (Kiongkong) (Sea) 10 a.m. Salgon (Sea) 10 a.m. Swatow (Sea) 10 a.m. Salgon, Singapore, Colombo, Sydney, Auckland (Air) 10 a.m.

TO-DAY'S BROADCAST**Studio—Variety Request Programme**

32W on 345 kilocycles from 12:30 to 2 p.m. and 6:30 to 11 p.m., and also on 625 megacycles in the 31 metre band, from 12:30 to 1:15, 6:30 to 7:30 and 9 to 11 p.m.

H.K.T. 6:30, Film "Memories"; 7, London Relay; 9, "The New Frontier"; 11, "Romance and Rhythm"; 7:30, Studio: "You Asked For It"; 9—Variety Request Programme arranged by Lymond Carter; 10, "Artistic Radio"; 11, London Relay; 11:30, Studio: "Piano Recital by Luba Shatashin"; 9:40, Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and the Chicago Philharmonic Orch.; 10:20, Puccini's "Madame Butterfly"; Act 3 Principals, Chorus and Orchestra of La Scala Opera House Milan; 11, "Close Down."

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Wallace Guest Of Attlee

London, Apr. 10. Henry Wallace will be the guest of the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, at luncheon at Mr. Attlee's country estate, Chequers, to-morrow.

Mr. Wallace tonight will be the dinner guest of the United States Ambassador, Mr. Lewis Douglas. Mr. Douglas will accompany him to Chequers tomorrow.—United Press

BUCHENWALD ACCUSED TO SEE FILM

Munich, Apr. 10. Thirty men and a pregnant woman will march from prison cells to Dachau courtroom to-morrow to see a movie of horrors they allegedly perpetrated at Buchenwald concentration camp.

The film—prosecution exhibit A—was made at Buchenwald, where 31 former Buchenwald officials are charged with killing a large percentage of 53,000 inmates who died at the concentration camp.

The star defendants are 42-year-old Frau Koch, audited wife of the former Buchenwald commandant, and Prinz Joachim zu Waldeck, the only German prince of royal blood to be tried in a World War II war crimes trial.

Frau Koch, for whom gloves and lampshades were fashioned from prisoners' skin, came through with a shocker yesterday when the prison doctor announced that she was three months pregnant.

Waldeck was an SS general in charge of the area which included Buchenwald. The prince, whose membership in the SS far outshines that of Ribbentrop and Bormann, is charged with condoning the Buchenwald murders and tortures.—United Press.

Property To Be Returned

Washington, Apr. 11. The Far East Commission has authorised the return of property confiscated by Japan to allied nations now living there.

In a directive to General Douglas MacArthur, the 11 nation commission advised, however, that only small scale commercial and industrial enterprises should be restored for the time being.

The commission announced its decision yesterday. It said a future policy decision will be made over the property of allied nations not now living in Japan.—Associated Press.

Tinplate For Soviets

Swansea, Apr. 10. One thousand tons of Welsh tinplate for Vladivostok, the first to be shipped from Swansea to Russia since 1936, were loaded here today.—Reuter.

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